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SUBJECT: GSP: FIRST YEAR REVIEW

REFS: (A) STATE 67507; (B) STATE 133573

- 1. IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY ANSWER PARA 3 OF REF (A), EMBASSY OFFICERS MADE SEVERAL ORAL AND TWO WRITTEN APPROACHES AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOM. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ELICIT A RESPONSE, PROBABLY BECAUSE GOM REORGANIZATION AFTER LOPEZ PORTILLO ONLY NOW SHAKING DOWN ON EXPORT SIDE.
- 2. WE BELIEVE LOW UTILIZATION OF GSP BY MEXICO DUE MAINLY TO TWO FACTORS:
- (A) LACK OF INTEREST IN GSP BY IMCE (MEXICAN INSTITUTE FOR EXTERIOR COMMERCE) UNTIL RECENTLY.
- (B) MOST IMPORTANTLY, MEXICAN INDUSTRY INTERNATIONAL-LY SO NON-COMPETITIVE BEFORE DEVALUATION THAT EVEN WITH ZERO TARIFF IT WAS NOT ABLE TO EXPORT EVEN IF IT HAD BEEN ACTIVELY SEARCHING FOR EXPORT MARKETS.
- 3. EMBASSY ECONOFF (JAMES OZZELLO) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS JUNE 28-JULY 6. HE WILL CONTACT STR UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ARA/ECP AND BE AVAILABLE TO EXPLAIN EMBASSY VIEWS ON MEXICAN TRADE POLICY IN MORE DETAIL. THOMPSON

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